
OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH

- AND -

NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. PHILOMENA

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

May 5, 2024 A.D. – Fifth Sunday After Easter



Hospitality

“Let the charity of the brotherhood abide in you and hospitality do not forget; for by this some, being not aware of it, have entertained angels.” (Heb. 13, 1-2)

“Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honor of God.” (Rom. 15, 7)

Gregorian Latin liturgy

Until 1969, the various Catholic liturgies were all of apostolic origin. The Gregorian Latin liturgy, celebrated in this church, follows the tradition of Saint Peter, the first Pope, and has never undergone any essential change till the present time. Every gesture, every word has been weighed and measured with the assistance of the Holy Ghost for the greatest glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Welcome Visitors!

We thank you for coming. Whether you are just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a spiritual home, are returning to the practice of the Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church; we are happy to have you here, as you are.

Please take time to read this bulletin, to meet with the priest after Mass and to socialize. Enter the Holy Temple of the Good Lord to worship Him. *Pax vobis!* Peace be with you!



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News and Announcements

Today is the Fifth Sunday after Easter. The Liturgy continues to sing of the Risen Christ and exhorts us in this Rogation week to unite ourselves to His prayer, in which He asked almighty God that through His ascension, His Humanity might share in the glory which is God, He had possessed from all eternity (Offertory). We too shall some day share this glory which He has obtained, since He has freed us from sin by the efficacy of His blood (Introit, Alleluia, Communion). In contrast to the man who beheld himself in a glass and presently forgot what man he was, we must look into the perfect law of liberty and constantly put it into practice (Epistle). And since at His departure Christ has left us a consolation in the power to pray “in His name,” “that our joy may be full,” ask of God through our Lord, that we may not remain without fruit in His knowledge, believing that He “came out of God,” we may merit to enter with Him into his Father’s Kingdom.

Today there will be a procession and Crowning of Our Blessed Mother at the 11:00 am Holy Mass. The **second collection** will be for the **building fund**.

- ▶ **This Thursday, May 9th, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.** In Tradition, the Ascension is always celebrated on Thursday, but the obligation to attend Mass is binding on Thursday only in the ten states where the feast has not been transferred. For more information, please see the Holy Days of Obligation in the USA in rubrical FAQs at: <https://1962ordo.today/1962-rubrics/#accordion-item-19>
- ▶ **Easter Duty:** All Catholics have the grave obligation binding under pain of sin to worthily receive Holy Communion at least once each year between today and Trinity Sunday.
- ▶ **The St. Michael Chapel in Jacksonville** is restoring a large historic church and **has received a remarkable gift. One of only two official replicas of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii will be unveiled at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 08:** the united Feast Days Our Lady of Pompeii and St. Michael the Archangel. All are invited to make the pilgrimage and stay for refreshments. To RSVP or learn more, please visit PompeiiRising.org.
- ▶ **Mark your calendars:**

Sunday, May 12th Holy Name Society meeting after the 11:00 am Holy Mass (every Second Sunday)

Saturday, May 18th: Ladies League meeting after the 10:00 am Holy Mass (every third Saturday)

Sunday, May 19th: Blessing of religious articles after each Mass and Q&A after the 11:00 am Holy Mass

Sunday, May 26th: Adult Catechism after the 11:00 am Holy Mass (every fourth Sunday)

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Before ascending into Heaven, Our Lord gave his Apostles their commission and their mission. “He said to them: Go ye into the whole world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be condemned.” The mission was to convert the world, not to be converted by the world. After giving them this great commission, He ascended into Heaven where He sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead, as we say in the Apostles’ Creed. Speaking of the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven, Pope St. Gregory the Great said: “we do not read of our Savior being lifted up either by a chariot or by angels, because He who had made all things was taken up above all things by His own power.” After Mass, the Paschal Candle is stored away, as it has no further role until the Paschal Vigil of next year and is hereafter not displayed anywhere in the church.

*“The LORD is in his Holy Temple;
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”* (Hab. 2, 20)



ON THE CONDITIONS OF PRAYER by St. Alphonsus Liguori (Adapted)

“Ask, and ye shall receive.” JOHN xvi. 24.

“Prayer,” says St. Cyprian, “is omnipotent; it is one; it can do all things.” We read in Ecclesiasticus that God has never refused to hear any one who invoked his aid. “Who hath called upon him, and he hath despised him?” (Eccl. ii. 12.) This he never can do; for he has promised to hear all who pray to him. “Ask, and ye shall receive.” But this promise extends only to prayer which has the necessary conditions. Many pray; but because they pray negligently, they do not obtain the graces they deserve. “You ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss.” (St. James iv. 3.) To pray as we ought, we must pray, first, with humility; secondly, with confidence; and thirdly, with perseverance.

First Point: We must pray with humility. St. James tells us that God rejects the prayers of the proud: “God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble” (iv. 6). He cannot bear the proud; he rejects their petitions, and refuses to hear them. Let those proud Christians who trust in their own strength, and think themselves better than others, attend to this, and let them remember that their prayers shall be rejected by the Lord.

Second Point: We must pray with confidence. Because God ardently desires our welfare, he earnestly exhausts and commands us to ask the graces we stand in need of. “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.” (Matt. vii. 7.) Why, says St. Augustine, should the Lord exhort us so strongly to ask his graces, if he did not wish to give them to us? “*Non nos hortaretur, ut peteremus, nisi dare vellet*” (de Verb. Dom., ser. v.) He has even bound himself by his promise to hear our prayers, and to bestow upon us all the graces which we ask with a confidence of obtaining them. “By his promises he has made himself a debtor.” (S. Augus., *ibid.*, ser. ii.)

Third Point: We must pray with perseverance. It is, above all, necessary to persevere in prayer till death, and never to cease to pray. This is what is inculcated by the following passages of Scripture: “We ought always to pray.” (Luke xviii. 1.) “Watch ye, therefore, praying at all times.” (xxi. 36) “Pray without ceasing.” (I Thess. v. 17.) If, then, we wish to obtain from God the gift of perseverance, we must ask it from him continually and with importunity. We must ask it when we rise in the morning, in our meditations, in hearing Mass, in our visits to the blessed sacrament, in going to bed at night, and particularly when we are tempted by the devil to commit any sin. Thus, we must always have our mouths open praying to God, and saying: Lord, assist me; give me light; give me strength; keep thy hand upon me, and do not abandon me.



To receive Holy Communion :

- You must be a **baptized Catholic**, having made a good confession since the last committed mortal sin - if any - in order to hopefully be **in the state of Grace**.
- You must believe in the doctrine of **Transubstantiation**. “*For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself*” (1 Cor. 11:29).
- You must observe one hour of **Eucharistic fast** (*except water and medicine. However, we advise to abstain from food and alcohol for three hours and one hour for other liquid before Holy Communion*).
- One must not be a **public sinner** (*public adulterer, concubine, public homosexual*), or excommunicated, or interdicted.

- **The most important requirement** is to have a **great desire** to receive the Body, the Blood, the Soul and the Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can humbly approach the Communion rail at any time after the Communion of the priest. Then, open your mouth wide and extend smoothly and horizontally your tongue. There is **no special order**, so that nobody should feel compelled to follow a general movement. Do not judge your neighbor who abstains from receiving Holy Communion, as there is no obligation to receive it daily. However, “*Live in a manner to be able to receive communion every day!*” (St. Augustine)
- In this Church, the faculty to absolve sins is directly granted to the priests by the Holy Father.

“I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.” Rm 12:1

Out of respect for Our Lord Jesus Christ and for the edification of our neighbor, we beg all to appear in Church decent in deportment and modest in dress.

However, no one has the right to question others, especially visitors. It belongs to the parish priest alone to instruct the laity when they repeatedly dress or deport below expectation.

For gentlemen and lads: Neither shorts, T-shirts nor sneakers meet the norms of modesty.

For ladies and girls: Neither shorts, slacks, sleeveless, short nor low-cut dresses meet the norms of modesty.

Furthermore, according to apostolic custom or Church law, gentlemen are bareheaded in church; and ladies are requested to cover their heads.

Thank you for your charity.

Mass Times and Feasts from May 5 to May 13

Date	Time	Devotion	Chapel	Feast Day
Sunday, 5 th	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Low Mass† Low Mass† Sung Mass† Sung Mass	Davie Davie Davie W Palm Bch	V SUNDAY AFTER EASTER <i>St. Pius V, Pope & Confessor</i>
Monday, 6 th	—	—	—	FERIA Minor Litanies (Rogation Day)
Tuesday, 7 th	—	—	—	St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Minor Litanies (Rogation Day)
Wednesday, 8 th	—	—	—	Vigil of the Ascension Minor Litanies (Rogation Day)
Thursday, 9 th	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sung Mass Sung Mass	Dave W Palm Bch	ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
Friday, 10 th	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Confessions Low Mass	Davie Davie	St. Antoninus, Bishop and Confessor Sts. Gordian and Epimachus, Martyrs (Comm.)
Saturday, 11 th	9:00 am 10:00 am 9:30 am	Confessions Low Mass Low Mass	Davie Davie W Palm Bch	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Sunday, 12 th	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Low Mass† Low Mass† Sung Mass† Sung Mass	Davie Davie Davie W Palm Bch	SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION Mother's Day Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla and Panratius, Martyrs
Monday, 13 th	—	—	—	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor

† Confessions available 1/2 hour prior to Holy Mass